

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

GEORGE MILLER,

Petitioner,

v.

C. HOLINKA, Warden,

Respondent.

ORDER

09-cv-66-bbc

Petitioner, a prisoner at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oxford, Wisconsin, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.¹ He has not paid the \$5 filing fee or submitted a certified copy of his six-month trust fund account statement. I can construe his petition to include a request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, but I cannot determine whether petitioner is indigent for the purpose of filing a § 2241 petition until he submits a trust fund account statement for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of his habeas corpus petition. Longbehn v. United States,

¹Although the signature date on the petition is September 1, 2008, petitioner did not mail the petition to this court until January 30, 2009. Therefore, I will consider the date of filing to be January 30, 2009.

169 F.3d 1082 (7th Cir. 1999). Petitioner's trust fund account statement should cover the six-month period beginning approximately August 1, 2008 and ending approximately January 30, 2009.

Once petitioner submits his trust fund account statement, this court will calculate petitioner's average monthly deposits and his average monthly balances for the six-month period mentioned above. If 20% of the greater of these two figures is \$5 or more, he will not be eligible for indigent status and will have to prepay all of the \$5 filing fee. If 20% of the greater of these two figures is less than \$5, he will be required to prepay whatever portion less than \$5 has been calculated.

Now that petitioner is aware of the formula this court uses in determining whether a prisoner is indigent for the purpose of paying a \$5 filing fee, he may be able to figure easily whether he qualifies. If he knows that he will not qualify for indigent status, he may elect to submit a check or money order made payable to the clerk of court in the amount of \$5 in lieu of the six-month statement requested above. In any event, petitioner should act quickly. If, by February 24, 2009, petitioner does not submit either the \$5 payment or a trust fund account statement for the last six months, his request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be denied and this action will be closed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that petitioner may have until February 24, 2009, in which to submit a trust fund account statement for the period beginning approximately August 1, 2008 and ending approximately January 30, 2009. Alternatively, petitioner may have until February 24, 2009, in which to pay the \$5 fee for filing his petition. If, by February 24, 2009, petitioner does not pay the filing fee or submit the required trust fund account statement, the clerk of court is directed to close this case for petitioner's failure to prosecute.

Entered this 3rd day of February, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge